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TENNCARE STRENGTHENS BUREAU MANAGEMENT WITH NEW CIO

HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY VETERAN, BRENT ANTONY TO TAKE INFORMATION SYSTEMS HELM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – TennCare officials today announced Brent Antony as the TennCare Bureau's first Chief Information Officer, a newly created executive position to oversee all Bureau information systems technology management.

Antony will report directly to TennCare Deputy Commissioner, J.D. Hickey and manage the Bureau's information systems division, with an annual budget of more than \$40 million. The CIO's duties will also include integrating a new decision support system into Bureau operations, long-range information systems strategy development and effectively managing technology relationships with other state departments, federal agencies and private contractors.

"TennCare's complex computer systems are vital to the day-to-day functions of the Bureau. Brent's experience stretches from technical systems development to visionary budget and strategy implementation for large healthcare systems," said Hickey. "The depth of his healthcare technology expertise is an important addition to our management team. One of Brent's greatest assets is his hands-on experience with hospital and physician claims submission," said Hickey.

Antony's career experience includes developing and implementing electronic medical records systems, managing multiple-payer claims processing systems for private healthcare companies, and successfully overseeing complex system conversions. In his more than 17 years as a healthcare technology professional, Antony has served in leadership positions with managed care companies Caregroup/Provider Service Network, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Children's Hospital/Children's Community Physicians, all of Massachusetts, Anderson Consulting in San Francisco and most recently as technology director for Sapient Corporation in Cambridge, Mass.

"TennCare relies on one of the most complex Medicaid data management systems in the country. I hope to bring a development vision that will keep TennCare on the forefront of industry technology," said Antony. "Bridging technical expertise with fundamental budget and management strategies will be the challenge I look forward to meeting."

Antony, 40, holds dual master's degrees; one an MBA in health systems management and the other a masters of public health in health systems management both from Tulane University. He completed his bachelor's degree in business administration at Southern Methodist University. His annual salary will be \$155,000. TennCare is Tennessee's managed care insurance program for 1.3 million people who are poor, disabled or uninsured.

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